

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a patent application manager system maintaining a database of references, a method comprising:
  - entering reference data in a database for a first patent application;
  - copying the reference data to a database for a second patent application, where the second patent application is related to the first patent application;
  - automatically creating a docket entry in a docketing database using the application manager system, wherein the docket entry indicates that references have been entered for the second patent application and [[a]] may need to be cited to a patent office; and
  - generating a viewable docket including the docket entry.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprises automatically creating an information disclosure statement including the reference data.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the viewable docket is a hard copy.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the viewable docket is electronic and viewable on a screen.
5. (Original) A patent management system comprising:
  - a docket database to maintain due dates for patent application tasks;
  - a reference database to maintain reference data for patent applications; and
  - an application manager to copy reference data from a first patent application to a second related application, the application manager automatically generates a docket entry in the docket database for the second application.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 further wherein the application manager comprises automatically ~~creating~~ creates an information disclosure statement including the reference data.

7. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium comprising:  
machine readable code to instruct a processor to copy reference data for a first patent application to a database for a second patent application, where the second patent application is related to the first patent application;

machine readable code to instruct a processor to automatically create a docket entry in a docketing database using the application manager system, wherein the docket entry indicates that references have been entered for the second patent application and [[a]] may need to be cited to a patent office.

8. (Original) The machine readable medium of claim 7 further comprising machine readable code to instruct a processor to generate a viewable docket including the docket entry.